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Inauguration of Weersing

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Presbyterian College will officially install Dr. Marc Calvin Weersing as its 14th president with inauguration ceremonies on the afternoon of May 5. Several hundred visiting delegates and special guests are expected to join the PC student body, alumni and others for this historic occasion in Belk Auditorium.

The main address will be delivered by Dr. Frank Rose, president of the University of Alabama. Other program participants will include: Dr. J. McDowell Richards, president of Columbia Theological Seminary; the Rev. John B. Evans, executive director of the division of higher education, Presbyterian Church, US; Robert M. Vance, chairman of the PC board of trustees; Dr. Van M. Arnold, pastor of the Evergreen Presbyterian Church of Memphis; the Rev. B. Herman Dillard, pastor of the Newnan (Ga.) Presbyterian Church; Dean Joseph M. Gettys; and the PC robed choir.

Registration is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. in the Douglas House. It will be followed by the inaugural luncheon for delegates and special guests at 12:45 p.m. The academic procession—to include official delegates from other colleges and the PC faculty in robes, and the college board of trustees in business suits--will assemble at 2:15 p.m. in the library building.

The inaugural program will get underway at 2:45 p.m. in Belk Auditorium, to be followed immediately by a reception at the home of the president.

Dr. Weersing assumed his duties as president of Presbyterian College last August 1. He came from the pastorate of the Spartanburg (SC) First Presbyterian Church to succeed the retiring Dr. Marshall W. Brown.

McCain

Graham

One Hundred Degrees

The 84th Commencement

One hundred seniors, candidates for degrees at PC's 84th commencement exercises on May 31, will receive their diplomas amid the words of two outstanding Presbyterian speakers.

Dr. J. Ross McCain, president-emeritus of Agnes Scott College, is scheduled to deliver the commencement address that afternoon after a morning baccalaureate sermon by Dr. J. Edward Graham, PC alumnus serving as pastor of the Charleston (SC) Second Presbyterian Church.

Along with the baccalaureate degrees, reserve army commissions and student awards, the College also will pause to spotlight four Presbyterian ministers with honorary doctor of divinity degrees. Dr. Graham is one to be so honored. The others are: The Rev. David Lee Williamson, another alumnus who has served as a missionary to Brazil for the past 36 years; the Rev. Benson Sloan, pastor of the Union (SC) First Church and moderator-elect of the South Carolina Synod; and the Rev. George H. Smith, executive-secretary of church extension for Atlanta Presbytery.

The baccalaureate sermon is set for 11 a.m. on May 31; the commencement address and final exercises, for 4:15 p.m. Both programs will be held in Belk Auditorium, with trustee chairman Robert M. Vance presiding that afternoon.

Fraser Joins Staff As Development Head

Powell A. Fraser, a combat infantry officer who has sparked the Christian men's program among service troops, is retiring from the Army to return to Presbyterian College as development director.

President Marc C. Weersing said the PC alumnus will join the staff next August 15 and immediately add his efforts to the long-range development aims.

Col. Fraser presently serves as deputy director of army programs in the Pentagon. In this capacity, he directs the preparation and presentation of the army programs and personnel budget estimates to office of Secretary of Defense, Budget Bureau and Congressional Appropriations Committee for the pay and allowances of all members of the active Army.

He has been in the Army since his 1941 graduation from Presbyterian College. During his more than 600 days of World War II combat with the 127th infantry, 32nd Division, in New Guinea and the Philippines, he won the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and Bronze Star for heroism. He also was known as the officer who organized Bible study classes for the men under his command.

Remaining in the Army after the war, Powell Fraser moved steadily up the ladder of rank, attended the various service schools, headed the Presbyterian ROTC unit, and saw service both in Europe and the Far East. Before returning to Washington in the late 1962, he spent three years on Formosa as an adviser to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek with the Military Assistance Advisory Group.

Col. Fraser used every new assignment as a means of exerting religious influence within the armed forces. He was instrumental in the organization of the Protestant Men-of-the-Chapel program in Europe. He helped to establish a men's work program within the Formosan Presbyterian Church and promoted the first men's rally among the local churchmen of that island. He has twice addressed the Assembly-wide Men's Convention of the Presbyterian Church, US, representing the military services and sharing the rostrum with Billy Graham and other distinguished speakers. He is a former vice-president of the 200,000 member Assembly's Men's Council.

A native of Brunswick, Ga., Powell Fraser entered Presbyterian College in 1937. He took a leading part in athletics and student YMCA activities, and received his BA degree in 1941. This June he will receive his MA in international affairs from George Washington University. Col. Fraser is married to the former Annelle McCall of Florence, S. C., and they have a 15-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter.

Moving toward coeducation with . . .

PC's First Dean of Women

Moving a step closer to full coeducation, Presbyterian College has announced appointment of its first dean of women.

She is Miss Marion Fogartie Hill of Spartanburg, S. C., director of Christian education for the First Presbyterian Church there for the past seven years and a longtime former associate of President Marc C. Weersing.

Miss Hill will assume her new duties at PC around mid-August. She is to spend much of her time the first year in developing a broader program for women and in student recruitment, pointing to the completion of Presbyterian's first women's dormitory in September, 1965. PC's coed enrollment in past years has been limited mostly to day students, but resident women are now being sought.

President Weersing said of her:

"Miss Hill and I have worked together most of the time since 1947, with churches that have been closely associated with colleges. Her family has a long background of service in the ministry and in education, and she has been active in the leadership of young people both in South Carolina and Mississippi. She is well qualified to be our dean of women."

Marion Hill worked with Dr. Weersing as director of Christian education when he was pastor of the large Spartanburg First Church (1957-63) and prior to that served under him in this capacity at the Jackson (Miss.) Central Presbyterian Church. In these positions, she dealt closely with students of four different colleges. She is recognized as one of the leading directors of Christian education in the Presbyterian Church US, has led seminars at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond and has published material in this field.

Two of her six sisters also have served as DCE's and her late father, the Rev. William H. Hill. was Christian higher education secretary for the Synod of Mississippi for many years. She has one brother. A native of Brookhaven, Miss., Miss Hill received her BA degree from Belhaven College in 1937 and taught in elementary school for seven years before entering fulltime church work.

Her grandfather, the late Rev. James E. Fogartie, received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Presbyterian College in 1895.

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Additional gifts to PC from corporations find President Marc Weersing the happy recipient in the panel at right: first, receiving a $402 annual check from Gulf Oil Corp. as presented by H. M. O'Kelly of Clinton, district manager; and accepting the $3,000 gift from Texaco, Inc., delivered by M. Dillard Milam of the H. D. Payne Co. local distributors and C. T. Fitts of Columbia, district sales manager.

An Accelerated Pace Toward a Record Goal

PC's annual giving program shoots for a record goal of $80,000 in 1964, and gifts thus far stand at almost one-fourth of that objective.

Alumni President Tom Addison of Clinton announces the current total is $18,280 given by more than 300 alumni and friends. It's well ahead of the 1963 pace, when the program set a new mark of $66,478.

Serving as co-chairmen of this effort to boost 1964 annual giving support by 20 percent are Dr. J. Edward Graham of Charleston, S. C., president-elect of the PC Alumni Association, and Sam Cornwell of Charlotte, vice-president.

A breakdown of the $18,280 present total shows $14,625 contributed to the Living Endowment, with $3,590 of this designated for the Walter Johnson Club. Another $3,655 has been given directly to the Johnson Club, making the total for this alumni athletic organization stand at $7,245.

The annual giving program at Presbyterian College is composed of contributions made toward current operating expenses and does not include gifts to the development program for capital-fund purposes. In addition to the Johnson Club, the objectives are academic scholarships, the Neill G. Whitelaw scholarship, faculty salary increases and departmental improvements. A majority of the gifts, however, are given as unrestricted contributions.

Bequest Totals $26,000 From the Keigwin Estate

Presbyterian College has received $19,489.46 in the final settlement of an estate which brings the total bequest to PC from this source to almost $26,000.

The gift came from the late Miss Emma Lilian Keigwin of Washington, D. C., who died 11 years ago. The recent death of her sister, last surviving heir, has brought about final liquidation of the estate.

PC received $3,500 from the estate in 1953, shortly after Miss Keigwin's death, and another $3,000 in 1956. The final settlement of $19,489.46 brings the total from this estate to Presbyterian College to $25,989.46. These funds have been placed in the permanent endowment of the college.

Miss Emma Lilian Keigwin was a longtime Presbyterian and friend of Christian higher education. Her father, the Rev. Henry Keigwin, was the first ordained minister of the Orlando (Fla.) First Presbyterian Church and served that synod in home missions work. Her recently deceased sister and last surviving heir was Miss Ellen Jane Keigwin of Winter Haven, Fla., who lived to the age of 99.

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